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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL U.S. CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT: TITLE DEED FOR  
USIS AMERICAN CENTER

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1. DURING CALL ON MFA MINISTER OF STATE MUHAMMAD  
RIAD APRIL 7 AMBASSADOR RAISED INTER ALIA OUR  
CONTINUING STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAINING TRANSFER OF  
TITLE TO SIDNAWI PROPERTY (USIS AMERICAN CENTER).  
RIAD SAID THAT HE HAD HAD MFA PREPARE LEGAL BRIEF ON  
SUBJECT AND THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT TRANSFER OF  
TITLE WAS LEGAL AND WOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEAR FUTURE.  
COURT CASE BROUGHT BY FORMER OWNER THROUGH LAWYER  
AHMAD FARAG TAYT' HAS, HOWEVER, DELAYED TRANSFER.  
RIAD SAID EVEN IF COURT SHOULD DECIDE IN FAVOR OF  
CLAIMANT IT WOULD ONLY MEAN COMPENSATION WAS DUE, NOT  
THAT TITLE WOULD REVERT. NOR COULD EMBASSY BE  
EVICTED. SHOULD COURT DECIDE IN FAVOR CLAIMANT,  
RIAD SAID GOE WOULD PAY COMPENSATION. AMBASSADOR  
PRESSED FOR EARLY TRANSFER OF TITLE AND RIAD REPLIED  
THAT HE WORKING WITH SEQUESTRATION DEPARTMENT TO THIS  
END.

2. LAST MONTH EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER DATED 10 MARCH  
1975 FROM LAWYER AHMAD FARAG TAYT' STATING THAT HIS  
"CLIENT, AIDA EMILE PHARAON, WIDOW OF THE LATE ELIAS  
SELIM SIDNAWI, OWNS VILLA NO. 4 AHMED RAGHIB  
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STREET, GARDEN CITY, CAIRO" AND REQUESTING 500 EGYPTIAN

POUNDS PER MONTH RENT STARTING FROM DATE EMBASSY MADE  
USE OF IT. MY CLIENT RESERVES FULL RIGHTS." LETTER  
ALSO ENCLOSED COPIES OF NOTARIZED STATEMENTS ATTESTING  
TO OWNERSHIP THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1975. IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH MFA STATEMENT TO EMBOFFS (CONTAINED REFTEL)  
THAT EMBASSY SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN COURT CASE,  
EMBASSY TRANSMITTED LETTER AND ENCLOSURES TO MFA  
UNDER NOTE NO. 225 OF MARCH 25, 1976. OPERATIVE  
PARAGRAPH OF EMBASSY NOTE WAS: EMBASSY HAS THE  
HONOR "TO REFER TO THE CONVERSATION HELD BETWEEN  
MINISTRY AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS NOVEMBER 19, 1975  
CONCERNING THE PRESENT AMERICAN CENTER LOCATED AT  
4 AHMAD RAGHIB STREET, GARDEN CITY, CAIRO. THE  
ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE, RECEIVED FROM MR. AHMED  
FARAG TAYI, LAWYER FOR MRS AIDA EMILE PHARAON IS  
FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. THE EMBASSY HAS  
NOT ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE."

3. COMMENT: DESPITE RIAD'S ASSURANCES OUR  
EXPERIENCE IN CLAIMS MATTERS DOES NOT MAKE US  
CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL RECEIVE TRANSFER OF TITLE  
IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. NEVERTHELESS, RIAD'S STATEMENTS  
ARE THE HIGHEST LEVEL ASSURANCES WE HAVE RECEIVED TO  
DATE THAT GOE WILL HONOR THIS LONG STANDING COMMITMENT.  
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